## CONSOLIDATED BILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE IN TELEPHONY NETWORKS

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## ABSTACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A billing system and method particularly well suited for use in telephony networks accounts for usage of standard network services, such as voice and data communication, and third-party services, such as paging and voicemail services, supportable by the network. Customer usage of network equipment and third-party equipment is also accounted for by such a telephony network billing system. Network and third-party usage and equipment charges incurred by a customer are advantageously integrated by the billing system into a single customer invoice.

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